

COUNTY OF KAUAI  
Minutes of Meeting  
**OPEN SESSION**

Board/Committee:		Committee on the Status of Women		Meeting Date	April 20, 2016
Location	Mo`ikeha Building – Meeting Room 2A/B			Start of Meeting: 5:10 p.m.	End of Meeting: 5:46 p.m.
Present	Chair Virginia Beck; Vice-Chair Jenai Yoshii; Secretary Suzanne Ellis; Members: Kathy Crowell, Edie Ignacio-Neumiller, Erika Valente. Also present: Board & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Mercedes Omo; Deputy County Attorney Mahealani Krafft				
Excused	Sharon Lasker				
Absent	Liza Cabal Trinidad				
SUBJECT		DISCUSSION			ACTION
Call To Order		Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair Beck along with members of the committee presented Slack Key Artist and Songwriter Cindy Combs with a certificate of appreciation for her generosity by providing music at the March Women’s History Month event on March 9, 2016.			Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. with six (6) members present constituting a quorum.
Approval of Minutes		Regular Open Session Minutes of March 16, 2016.			Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to approve the meeting minutes. Vice Chair Yoshii seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.
Fiscal Reports for 2015/2016		1. Committee on the Status of Women Budget for FY 2015-2016 -The budget status report as of March 2016 shows the committee’s total expenditures for FY 2016 at \$650.00 with a remaining balance of \$350.00.  2. State Grant Funding - The budget status report as of March 2016 shows the committee’s total expenditures plus encumbrances for FY 2016 at \$11,720.45 with a remaining balance of \$279.55.			The members acknowledged the receipt of the 2015/2016 Fiscal Reports.
Recap of the Equal Pay Day Mayoral Proclamation held on April 12,		Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller reported that there were at least fourteen (14) people who attended the Mayoral Proclamation for Equal Pay Day for women.  Ms. Smith stated that she forwarded the Garden Island newspaper article to Executive Director Catherine Betts for posting on the website, and was told by Ms.			

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<b>2016</b>	<p>Betts that some of the comments were unpleasant and she asked if someone from the committee could contact Dennis Fujimoto to ask if he could remove the comments.</p> <p>Chair Beck commented that whenever someone starts to push the boundaries, there are people out there who will push back. She asked if it was possible to resend the article without the comments to which Ms. Smith replied yes, and shared that she had an opportunity to attend the Equal Pay Day Event at the State Capital in Honolulu along with Governor Ige and it was well received.</p> <p>Chair Beck commented that there seems to be a lot more national media coverage on Equal Pay for women than she's ever seen before.</p> <p>With no further discussion, Chair Beck moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>Business CSW 2015-06</b>	<p><u>Discussion and possible decision-making on current and future Committee events.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rise of the Wahine Film Event</li> <li>• A one-time showing of the Miss South Pacific film in place of the Rise of the Wahine film event.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Beck stated that she recalled at a previous meeting, the committee talked about postponing the Rise of Wahine film and replacing it with a one-time showing of the film Miss South Pacific, which Ms. Tico has so graciously granted her permission to allow the committee to show the film at no cost. She added because the film does not involve any travel expenses, expect for publicity, perhaps the committee could have two showings; one at the Waimea Theater on the Westside and another showing in Līhu'e to make it available to more people.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller asked since there has been no word from the producers of the Rise of the Wahine film for quite some time now, if it would be appropriate to take the Rise of the Wahine film event off of the agenda and replace it with Miss South Pacific, and later on when there is more information on the release date, the committee could put the Rise of the Wahine film event back on the agenda.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that she would like to entertain a motion to table the Rise of the Wahine film event until such time the committee hears back from the producers of the Rise of Wahine film.</p> <p>Ms. Smith stated that based on the way the agenda is worded (discussion and decision-making on current and future events), the committee could reallocate a portion of the funds towards another event. Chair Beck stated that based on Ms. Smith's comment, the committee should have the option of reallocating the funds and questioned whether another motion is necessary. If yes, she would like to entertain a motion to place the film, Miss South Pacific, on the next agenda for continued discussion and use a portion of the funds that have been set aside for the Rise of the Wahine film towards the Miss South Pacific film.</p> <p>Chair Beck asked if a third motion was also necessary to postpone the discussion on the Miss South Pacific film to the next meeting to which Staff replied that would be appropriate.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 1</u>  Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to table the Rise of the Wahine film event until such a time the committee hears back from the producers of the Rise of the Wahine film. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0</p> <p><u>Motion No. 2</u>  Ms. Ellis moved to place the film, Miss South Pacific, on the next agenda and allocate a portion of the funds that have already been set aside for the Rise of the Wahine film event towards the Miss South Pacific film event. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0</p> <p><u>Motion No. 3</u>  Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to postpone the discussion on Ms. Teri Tico's Miss South Pacific film event to the committee's next meeting in May. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion.</p>

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	<p>With no further discussion, Chair Beck called for the vote.</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u> Vice Chair Yoshii asked if it was possible for the members to see the film beforehand so that they can at least have an idea of what the film is all about. Chair Beck stated that she's fine with that, just as long as she gets the film back, and it's viewed individually by each member and their family, and that the film is not shown to the public.</p> <p>The motion carried 6:0</p>
<p><b>CSW 2016-07</b></p>	<p><u>CSW 2015-07 Update from Commissioner Lisa Ellen Smith regarding the 2016 NACW (National Association of Commissions for Women) Conference held on O'ahu from July 16-21, 2016, and other pertinent updates.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Request for consideration to allow Chair Beck to fill out an application to become voting members of the NACW on behalf of the committee which will allow the members to vote at the NACW conference in July.</u></li> </ul> <p>Ms. Smith reported that although the Paid Family Medical Leave Bill did not make it through this legislative session, it will be re-introduced at next year's legislative session. She also stated that although the governor's Equal Pay Day proclamation was well attended, the bill itself is not doing as well and we just have to wait and see how everything turns out. In regards to Marsy's Law, it's still progressing despite of the bill being gutted, which is very unfortunate. In regard to the 2016 NACW Conference, Ms. Smith reported that the Hawai'i State Commission is in full planning mode and have received confirmation from</p>	

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	<p>United States Senator Mazie Hirono that she is available and would like to be one of the main speakers.</p> <p>Ms. Smith stated that in regard to her fundraising efforts, she has secured a commitment from The Right Slice and is now working on getting a donation from the Kaua‘i Nut Roasters as well.</p> <p>Ms. Smith asked the members if they knew of anyone who would like to become a sponsor or contributor to let her know and she will email the paperwork to them. Chair Beck asked for clarification on whether the gifts she is asking for will be distributed at the conference to which Ms. Smith replied yes.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that she received an online membership application from Ms. Smith to the National Association Commissions for Women. She explained that the membership will allow the members to vote at the NACW conference, but before she can submit the application, she will need approval from the committee in the form of a motion, and in doing so, the Hawai‘i State Commission has agreed to the annual dues, which otherwise would have been paid by the committee.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that at the last meeting, committee members Ignacio-Neumiller and Crowell had expressed interest in attending the NACW conference and a written request was sent to Mayor Carvalho Jr. asking for his approval in the amount of \$2530.00 to cover airfare, hotel for six (6) nights and car rental. She stated she understands the request has been forwarded to the Mayor and we are now waiting for his approval.</p> <p>With no further discussion, Chair Beck moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	<p>Vice Chair Yoshii moved to grant Chair Beck permission to apply online, on behalf of the committee, to become members of the NACW. Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0</p>

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<b>CSW 2016-01</b>	<p><u>CSW 2016-01 Discussion and possible decision-making on partnering with other non-profit organizations that share the same mission statement as the Committee on the Status of Women.</u></p> <p>Chair Beck stated that at the last meeting, the members all agreed to come up with the names of three (3) organizations they have a relationship with for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller stated that the three (3) organizations she would like to submit are the Zonta Clubs of Kaua‘i and Hanalei and the YWCA.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that she met with the members of the Zonta Club of Hanalei and they agreed to participate, and they assigned Ms. Debra Valentina to be their contact person. The other two organizations she contacted are Child and Family Services (who is interested in writing a letter to the legislator on issues pertaining to women) and Kanuikapono Public Charter School (the Vice Principal gave her approval to allow the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to write letters to the legislators as a project). In addition, she also spoke to former prosecuting attorney Lisa Arin who agreed to help the committee.</p> <p>Vice Chair Yoshii stated that the three (3) nonprofit organizations she would like to be considered are Kupu Hawai‘i, Life Bridges and Kaua‘i Hospice.</p> <p>Ms. Ellis stated that although the committee’s mission statement is similar to the mission statements of the three (3) organizations that she’s involved with, they did not qualify under that statement. Also, the Kaua‘i Hospice mission statement does not flow with any of the legislative issues the committee is referring to, nor does the National Tropical Botanical Garden because their mission statement does not involve any legislation, according to her way of thinking. The same goes for the Mokihana Club because they are more</p>	

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	<p>interested in the cultural aspect and although they tried to dabble in certain political legislative issues, their efforts were blocked. She stated that as a member of the Mokihana Club, she is not allowed to use their contact list for non-Mokihana issues, which makes her feel at a loss because she did suggest that the legislative issues be placed in their newsletter, but it was denied.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that she appreciates her efforts by trying to help the committee; however, the Mokihana Club is a women's group and some of the issues that are being considered by the committee will have an effect on women, perhaps she could invite her fellow Mokihana members to a CSW meeting, if they are interested.</p> <p>Ms. Ellis stated that although it's outside of the rules and regulations of the Mokihana Club, she wants to invite those who are interested in legislative issues to sign her email list so when something comes up, they will be the first ones she would send the information to.</p> <p>Ms. Yoshii stated that from what she understood from the last meeting, no contact was necessary and the members were only supposed to bring in the names of three (3) organizations, regardless of whether the organizations are willing to become legislative partners or not, and by doing so, the committee was supposed tease out the ones who don't share the same mission statement and put those organizations on a separate list for other committee events.</p> <p>Ms. Valente stated that there are a lot of other things the committee could contribute to the community that doesn't necessarily have to relate to the actual legislation. Meaning, the committee could invite the other organizations to workshops or at least inform them about other committee events, such as proclamations, etc.</p>	

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	<p>Chair Beck stated that to help clarify the matter, the committee wanted to do two things. First, find organizations or people who might be interested in participating in writing testimony to the legislators on certain legislative bills, regardless of whether they are in support of the bill or not. Second, the committee wanted to find organizations who might be interested in partnering with the committee on certain committee events that has nothing to do with legislation.</p> <p>Ms. Ellis stated that according to the meeting minutes, the discussion was mostly on legislation issues.</p> <p>Ms. Valente stated that she didn't contact anybody because she thought the purpose of today was to bring in the names of three (3) organizations, in which she did and they are the United Way, West Kaua'i Business and Professional Association and the Kaua'i High School Foundation.</p> <p>Ms. Crowell stated that like Erika, she also didn't make contact with the organizations, which are the Queen Liliuokalani Children Center, Kaua'i Economic Opportunity and Women, Infants and Children Program known as WIC.</p> <p>Chair Beck asked each member to email the names of their three (3) organizations to her, along with their contact information and she will compile the names onto a working spreadsheet, which she will send to Mercedes for distribution to the members.</p>	
<b>CSW 2016-05</b>	<p><u>CSW 2016-05 Copy of a written testimony dated March 18, 2016 from the Committee on the Status of Women to Senate President Ronald Kouchi, in support of S.B. No. 2313/sd2 – Relating to Equal Pay.</u></p>	



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	The members thanked Ms. Crowell for doing such a great job on the letter. With no further discussion, Chair Beck moved onto the announcements.	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Next regular meeting – May 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Mo`ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B.</li> <li>▪ Empowerment Workshop “Make your Own Way” Tuesday, April 26, 2016, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA Women’s Facility in Līhu‘e</li> <li>▪ Denim Day – Mayoral Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at the Mo`ikeha Building Rotunda.</li> <li>▪ On Friday, May 13, 2016, the Kauai Drug Court will be holding their graduation ceremony at the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Building in Court Room No. 4 from 12 – 3 p.m.</li> <li>▪ The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kauai Fashion Weekend will be held at the Kaua‘i Marriott Resort &amp; Beach Club- Grand Ballroom on May 7, 2016. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., VIP Dinner @ 6 p.m. Cost \$35 for show only/\$75 for dinner and show.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>		At 5:46 p.m. Chair Beck declared the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mercedes Omo, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Beck, Chair

☒ Approved as circulated on June 15, 2016

☐ Approved as amended. See minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.